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Over 550 Supporters Come Together for UCP of Long Island's Annual *Life Without Limits* 5K Walk & Wheel

North Babylon, NY (October 12, 2018) – Over 550 supporters came together to raise awareness at the United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island *Life Without Limits* 5K Walk & Wheel which was held on Saturday, October 6th at Belmont Lake State Park. The event has raised over \$65,000 thus far. These funds will support the programs and services UCP of Long Island provides to children and adults with disabilities.



“We are thrilled at this year’s turnout! In addition to walking and wheeling to raise awareness, we came together to celebrate World Cerebral Palsy Day”, said Stephen H. Friedman, President & CEO of UCP of Long Island. “It is only through the generosity and support of our community, friends, families, individuals and staff that we continue to raise awareness and critical funding for our programs.”

A special thank you to **Bethpage Federal Credit Union** for continuing to support UCP-LI as Presenting Sponsor for the ninth year. UCP is grateful to its other sponsors for support of this event: **M&T Bank, Allergan, The Employment Connection, Patriot Mobility, People’s United Bank** and **Home Medical**

Equipment. Special thanks to student volunteers from St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Thank you to Bagel Chalet, Coca Cola, Driscoll Foods, Peter’s Fruit and W.B. Mason for providing the food and drinks.

Children enjoyed special activities, including face painting, arts and crafts, Adopt a Puppy, as well as a pumpkin patch complete with scarecrows and bales of hay sponsored by M&T Bank and White Post Farms. DJ LYRRAD provided the music, Village Music Shoppe provided the drum circle and Suffolk County Police Department Emergency Service Unit brought in ESU vehicles for the children to explore.

Special recognition goes to the top fundraising teams: Team Betty Jo, Team Joey and Team Home Heart. UCP of Long Island will announce the winner of the **Top Fundraising Team for the Annual 5K Walk & Wheel Trophy** on November 1st. The top fundraising team’s name will be engraved on the large trophy and displayed in UCP-LI’s trophy case for the year.

For more information regarding event coverage, please contact Lindsay Ekizian, Public Relations Manager at 631-232-0011 ext. 457.

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For over 65 years, United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island has positively impacted the lives of people with disabilities through the outstanding quality of our programs and services and the compassion we convey to those we serve. UCP of Long Island is committed to advancing the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating **Life Without Limits**. Our heartfelt mission is to provide life skills training, education, advocacy, meaningful employment and a place to call home for Long Islanders with a wide range of disabilities. UCP of Long Island proudly upholds the values of excellence, integrity, dignity, empowerment, responsibility, accountability, vision and innovation. For information on UCP of Long Island programs and services, please visit www.ucp-li.org.